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Subject: History/Social Science Committee: Need for Latino history included in the draft Framework for History/Social Science.

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Dear History Social Science Framework Committee,

I am joining others in the Chicano/Latino community to urge you to revise the current draft of the History/Social Science Framework to include the significant contributions of ethnic Mexicans to the history of California and the nation.

I work in a public school leading a restorative justice initiative. Restorative justice focuses on addressing harm and my work is to work with the person who caused to find ways to repair the damage and restore both the person harmed and the person doing the harm. By including the role and contributions of ethnic Mexicans in the history of California and the U.S. allows our communities to address the historical patterns of oppression and trauma.

Exclusion and omission of this history is a great disservice to the generations of Mexican Americans, Chicanas/Chicanos and other Latinos who have worked tirelessly to build this country. Latinos comprise nearly 39% of the California population and constitute over 52% of the students in our schools. By reading and learning about their histories as part of United States history, they will feel validated, but most importantly, they will be empowered to make positive change in all our communities.

Meaningful inclusion of our history in the textbooks and curricula will contribute to a deeper and closer understanding of our state and the U.S. and undermine all forms of racial and ethnic discrimination.

Please confirm receipt of this submission.

Sincerely,

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